

**Governor's Task Force on Children's Justice
and the
Michigan Department of Human Services
Present**

**The 13th Annual Governor's Task Force
on Children's Justice
Child Abuse and Neglect Summit**

**"There Is No Such Thing As A Bad Girl: How To
Make A Positive Difference In A Young Girl's Life"**

April 24, 2008 - April 25, 2008



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OBJECTIVE:

To provide judges and attorneys, human services professionals and policy makers information about children's needs and services.

LEARNING OUTCOME:

Enhanced knowledge of ways to support and protect children.

SPEAKERS:

Professionals with extensive experience and developed expertise in child development, and providing care and legal services for abused and/or neglected children.

CONFERENCE SITE AND ROOM ACCOMMODATIONS:

The conference will be held at the Grand Traverse Resort. Participants wishing to make overnight accommodations at their own expense, may call the Grand Traverse Resort at 1-800-968-7352. To obtain the hotel's conference rate, you must indicate you are attending the Governor's Task Force on Children's Justice Summit. A block of guest rooms for this conference will be held until March 23, 2008.

REGISTRATION/CONFERENCE FEES:

There is no charge to attend the Summit. The Summit is sponsored by the Governor's Task Force on Children's Justice and the Michigan Department of Human Services.

Quantity: 900
Cost: \$520.60 (.578 ea.)
Authority: DHS Director

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Thursday, April 24, 2008 and Friday, April 25, 2008**

AGENDA

DAY ONE: Thursday, April 24, 2008

10:00 am - 11:30 am	Registration
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch (Provided) and Networking Hoop Dancing by Mino Biimaadziwin Hoop Dance Society
1:00 pm - 1:10 pm	Welcome, The Honorable Elizabeth Weaver Justice, Michigan Supreme Court
1:10 pm - 2:15 pm	Mary Schusterbaur of Oakland County Youth Assistance Program; Mike Lott of Intensive Supportive Foster Care Program; Therese Schaub of the Girls on the Run Program; Vanessa Jackson of the Parent Partner Program
2:15 - 2:30 pm	Break
2:30 pm	The Honorable Linda Hallmark, Introduction of Dr. James Garbarino
2:30 pm - 4:30 pm	Dr. James Garbarino
4:30 pm	Booksigning by Dr. James Garbarino

DAY TWO: Friday, April 25, 2008

7:30 - 8:30 am	Continental Breakfast
8:30 am - 9:15 am	Legislative Update, Steve Yager of DHS
9:15 am	Break
9:30 am	The Honorable Linda Hallmark, Introduction of Rachel Simmons
9:30 am - 11:30 am	Rachel Simmons
11:30 am	Conclusion by The Honorable Linda Hallmark
11:40 am	Booksigning by Rachel Simmons

FEATURED SPEAKERS

Rachel Simmons - Best-Selling Author

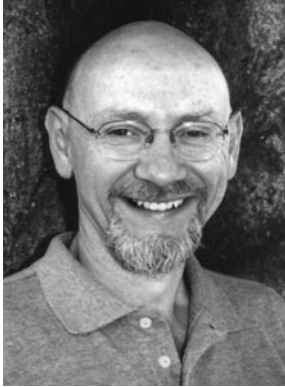


Rachel Simmons is the author of *The New York Times* bestseller *Odd Girl Out: The Hidden Culture of Aggression in Girls*. Simmons grew up in the suburbs of Washington, DC, and graduated from Vassar College. Following graduation she worked for Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani as an Urban Fellow. Recipient of a Rhodes Scholarship in 1997, she worked for New York's Senior Senator Charles E. Schumer and after the election attended Oxford University, where she began studying female aggression.

Simmons is a pioneer in the exploration of schoolgirl cruelty and treats the subject in a thorough and illuminating manner. Over the course of a year, she spoke to 300 girls from 10 schools across the US, some with middle-class white student populations, others with students of various races and from different socioeconomic backgrounds. The girls ranged in age from 9 to 15. As she explains, her method of discussion involved moving from where the girls led and emphasizing their voices rather than her own. Instead of telling them not to bully and to be nice, like most adults would do, she assumed that many of them could be mean. In this way she was able to draw out not only the victims of bullying but also the aggressors.

Odd Girl Out is both an exposé and instruction manual for treating girls' aggression. As such, it treats its subject with both clinical objectivity and experiential empathy. Simmons relies heavily on her interviews with girls and other research, but she intersperses enough of her own personal anecdotes to make the book striking for both its intellectual and emotional accuracy. Simmons released her latest book, *Odd Girl Speaks Out: Girls Write about Bullies, Cliques, Popularity and Jealousy* in January of 2004.

James Garbarino - Author/Psychologist



Dr. James Garbarino holds the Maude C. Clarke Chair in Humanistic Psychology at Loyola University Chicago. Previously, he was Elizabeth Lee Vincent Professor of Human Development at Cornell University, and from 1985-1994 he was President of the Erikson Institute for Advanced Study in Child Development. He earned his B.A. from St. Lawrence University in 1968 and his Ph.D. in Human Development and Family Studies from Cornell University in 1973. He is a Fellow of the American Psychological Association. Dr. Garbarino has served as

consultant or advisor to a wide range of organizations, including the National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse, the National Institute for Mental Health, the American Medical Association, the National Black Child Development Institute, the National Science Foundation, the U.S. Advisory Board on Child Abuse & Neglect and the FBI. In 1991, he undertook missions for UNICEF to assess the impact of the Gulf War upon children in Kuwait and Iraq, and has served as a consultant for programs serving Vietnamese, Bosnian and Croatian children.

The following are among the many books Dr. Garbarino has authored or edited: *See Jane Hit: Why Girls Are Growing More Violent and What We Can Do About It* (2006); *And Words Can Hurt Forever: How to Protect Adolescents from Bullying, Harassment, and Emotional Violence* (2002); *Parents Under Siege: Why You Are the Solution, Not the Problem, in Your Child's Life* (2001); *Lost Boys: Why Our Sons Turn Violent and How We Can Save Them* (1999).

The National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect honored Dr. Garbarino in 1985 with its first C. Henry Kempe Award, in recognition of his efforts on behalf of abused and neglected children. And among many other awards, Dr. Garbarino received the Humanitarian Award from the University of Missouri's International Center for Psychosocial Trauma in 1999. In 2000, he received the Presidents' Celebrating Success Award from the National Association of School Psychologists, and in 2003 the Outstanding Service to Children Award of the Chicago Association for the Education of Young Children.

Steve Yager - Department of Human Services (DHS) Office of Family Advocate Director

Yager has a wide range of experience in the child welfare field. From 1983-1987, he was a social worker at the George Jr. Republic juvenile delinquency treatment program in Pennsylvania. He began his career at DHS in 1987 as a Children's Protective Services Investigator. In 1994, he became a Children's Services Program Manager. From 1998 to 2000, he was the Team Leader of the DHS Peer Review Project and took his current position in 2000.

Yager has specialized training in the following areas:

- Investigation of Child Abuse and Neglect.
- Death Scene Investigation.
- Forensic Interviewing.
- Dynamics of Abuse/Neglect and Sexual Abuse.
- Reid Interviewing and Interrogation.
- Domestic Violence.
- Sexual Abuse and Exploitation.
- Agency Review/Audit.

Yager has given the following presentations in his role as the Director of the Office of Family Advocate:

Role of the Multidisciplinary Team in Investigating Child Abuse: Michigan Child Advocacy Centers, Grand Rapids, August 2007.

Death Scene Investigations Specific to Child Death: Michigan State Police and the Michigan Department of Human Services.

Establishment of County Death Review Teams: Michigan Public Health Institute.

Role of Protective Services In Relation to Community Agencies: Michigan Judicial Institute.

Review of Child Welfare Legislation: Governor's Task Force, Traverse City Michigan, October 2006.

Utilization of Structured Decision Making in Foster Care: Washington, DC, National Conference, March 13, 2002.

Role of CPS in Child Death Investigations: Michigan Public Health Institute, Shanty Creek Michigan, May 06, 2002 & May 2004.

FEATURED PROGRAMS

OAKLAND COUNTY YOUTH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Oakland County Youth Assistance began in Hazel Park in 1953. Over the next 20 years, it expanded throughout the county and now encompasses 26 local affiliates.

One unique feature of Youth Assistance (YA) is its tri-sponsorship. The Circuit Court-Family Division is one sponsoring group. The local school districts make up the second group of partners, and the municipalities are the third. The court provides the staffing for each local YA program. The other local sponsors jointly provide the office and necessary clerical support to operate the counseling and community organizing components of the program.

The approach used to address the YA mission is two-pronged. The first includes providing direct, family-focused, professional casework services to youth and families in the community. The second approach is community organizing which is key to keeping the program vibrant and responsive to the needs of each community. In each local YA area, individuals who live and/or work in the community form a working Board of Directors. These Boards are responsible for identifying issues in their communities that contribute to delinquency, abuse, and neglect; identifying existing community resources; and developing prevention programs. Annually, over 1,000 volunteers participate in some capacity.

For more information on the Oakland County Youth Assistance Program, you can call (248) 858-0055.

INTENSIVE SUPPORTIVE FOSTER CARE PROGRAM

The Intensive Supportive Foster Care Program (ISFC) was precipitated by a crisis in the foster care system. A significant proportion of youth under the age of 12 placed in shelters on a temporary basis were not moving into foster care homes very quickly. Some were AWOL multiple times, others were waiting for residential placement, others were unable to be successfully maintained in one foster care home for any significant length of time without a disruption. Many youth 12 years and younger languishing in shelters were found to have severe emotional

disturbances and it was recognized that in order for this group of children to be successfully maintained in a foster home more than traditional support would have to be provided.

ISFC was designed to recruit, train, and support foster parents who agreed to provide homes for this special population. The Guidance Center, Vista Maria, and DHS joined together to develop this pilot in order to provide placements for 80 children under age 12 who were residing in temporary shelter care, or who were at risk of residential or hospitalization for severe emotional disturbance.

The goal of the program is to provide stable placement options for children that reduce the current reliance on residential facility placement for children with a diagnosis of Severely Emotionally Disturbed.

For more information on the Intensive Supportive Foster Care Program, contact Mike Lott at (734) 785-7760.

GIRLS ON THE RUN OF LEELANAU, GRAND TRAVERSE, AND BENZIE COUNTIES

The Girls on the Run (GOTR) program is a structured character development program that uses training for a 5K event as a means to teach essential life skills to 3rd - 5th graders. Each individual lesson plan is based on the "whole person concept". The "whole person concept" stresses the importance of equally developing the spiritual, emotional, mental, social, and physical parts of the individual to create a well-balanced, whole person. The lesson plans are designed to encourage exploration and use of each of these five parts.

Councils are responsible for funding GOTR programs at the local level. Girls On the Run is nationally sponsored by New Balance, Kelloggs, and Goody Inc. The councils are supplied with water bottles, hair ties, cereal, wrist-bands and other perks for the girls who participate.

The program is a 12 week program that is offered in Northern Michigan as a condensed 6 week program. The program was funded through gender specific grants from the Office of Juvenile

Justice for the first four years. The program has had significant growth each year, and has potential to be in every elementary school within the three county council area.

For more information on the Girls on the Run program, contact Therese Schaub at (231) 256-9803 or go to www.girlsontherun.org.

PARENT PARTNER PROGRAM

The Parent Partner Program is a support and resource service extended to parent(s) who experience an out-of-home placement of their child(ren). The program is voluntary.

A parent partner is someone who has gone through the child welfare system and successfully reunified with his or her children. Parent partners are sensitive to the concerns of birth parents, and are credible as someone knowledgeable about the system.

The Parent Partner Program is a service provided through a partnership between the Wayne County Department of Human Services and Association for Children's Mental Health, Child Care Coordinating Council, and The Southeastern Village.

For more information on the Parent Partner Program, contact Vanessa Jackson at (313) 895-2860.

**From Cleveland and Detroit:**

Take I-75 north through Saginaw, until you reach M-72. Go west on M-72 at the Grayling exit, then approximately 30-35 miles through Kalkaska into Acme. Go north on US-31 about 1/2 mile. Resort will be on the east (right) side of the road.

From Lansing:

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From Cherry Capital Airport:

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REGISTRATION FORM

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Lunch 12:00 noon
Program 12:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Friday, April 25, 2008
Program 8:30 am - 11:30 am

Name: _____

Title/Agency/Profession: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

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***Required for registration confirmation**

_____ Yes, I will be attending lunch on Thursday, April 24, 2008 free of charge.

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